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BUT, CLARK, I NEVER GAVE JAY
ANY IDEA THAT I LOVED HIM!
PLEASE BELIEVE ME... HE NEVER
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THE MAN I LOVED SAID HE RATHER HAVE ME THAN THE LUXURIES OF LIFE THAT WERE WITHIN HIS GRASP WITH ANOTHER WOMAN! AND LIKE A FOOL I BELIEVED HIM! FOR IT SOON BECAME OBVIOUS THAT JERRY CONNORS COULD NOT RESIST TEMPTATION AND I FOUND MYSELF ASKING AGAIN AND AGAIN---

Was He Worth Fighting For?

OH, JERRY, BABY--- LET'S HURRY! EVERYBODY IS WAITING FOR US! AND STOP WORRYING ABOUT ALMA--- SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, VIVIAN! LET'S GET DOWN TO THE CHURCH! THE SOONER THIS WEDDING REHEARSAL IS OVER WITH THE BETTER!

S-SHE'S WON HIM BACK... :508F :508F--- I'VE LOST JERRY! OH, WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN... :508F... HE HAS THROWN ME OVER!



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EACH WEEK AFTER THE SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIE, MY GIRL FRIEND TRUDY AND I WOULD PEEK THROUGH THE WINDOW OF EDMONT'S LEADING NIGHT CLUB; IT WAS A LITTLE GAME WE ENJOYED PLAYING TOGETHER!



ARE...THEY THERE TONIGHT, ALMA?

YES, TRUDY...I SEE THEM BOTH BY THE HAT CHECK BOOTH; I BELIEVE THEY'RE LEAVING!

MY...ISN'T THAT JERRY CONNORS HANDSOME! HOW DOES A GIRL LIKE VIVIAN RATE SUCH A DREAM?

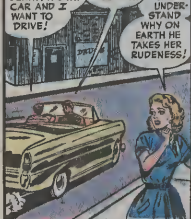


WITH JERRY'S LOOKS HE CAN HAVE THE PICK OF THE CROWD! BUT I SUPPOSE IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR HIM TO GO AROUND WITH A WEALTHY GIRL LIKE VIVIAN!

I DON'T CARE TO ARGUE, JERRY! IT'S MY CAR AND I WANT TO DRIVE!

OKAY, HONEY! SORRY...

GRACIOUS! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY ON EARTH HE TAKES HER RUDENESS!



VIVIAN DOES TREAT HIM LIKE A...A DOG ON A LEASH, DOESN'T SHE?

YES... BUT I SUPPOSE SOME MEN WILL PUT UP WITH ANYTHING! I WONDER WHAT JERRY IS REALLY LIKE! HE SEEMS TO HAVE A STRONG CHARACTER AND YET...



I'M AFRAID THAT'S ONE QUESTION THAT WILL GO UNANSWERED, ALMA! WE'RE HARDLY POPULAR ENOUGH TO HOPE TO DATE JERRY CONNORS!

I'M AFRAID YOU'RE RIGHT, TRUDY! BESIDES... HE SEEMS QUITE CONTENT IN VIVIAN TAYLOR'S COMPANY!



A DATE WITH JERRY CONNORS DID SEEM REMOTE... MUCH LESS MEETING HIM! BUT ONE DAY NEARLY A MONTH LATER AS I MADE AN INQUIRY AT THE EDMONT TRAIN STATION...

CAN YOU TELL ME WHEN THE NEXT TRAIN TO JOHNSON CITY... O-OH!

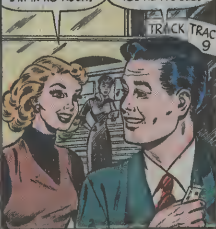
PARDON ME, MISS...WOULD YOU LET ME BUY A TICKET PLEASE? A FRIEND OF MINE MUST CATCH THE TWO O'CLOCK TRAIN...IT'S IN THE STATION NOW!

FOR HEAVEN SAKE HURRY, JERRY!



GO RIGHT AHEAD... I'M IN NO RUSH!

THANKS A MILLION... YOU'RE A DOLL!



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THAT WAS THE FIRST SENTENCE I UTTERED TO JERRY CONNORS! BUT MANY MORE WORDS WERE TO PASS BETWEEN US IN THE MONTHS AHEAD... SOME KIND AND OTHERS CRUEL!

HOW FORTUNATE VIVIAN IS TO HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL MAN! I WONDER IF SHE REALLY APPRECIATES HIM?



YOUNG LADY... WOULD YOU WAIT A MOMENT! I'D...LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU!

ME? WHATEVER FOR?



IF YOU HADN'T BEEN SO CONSIDERATE A FEW MINUTES AGO MY GIRL FRIEND WOULD HAVE MISSED HER TRAIN! I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU...MY NAME IS JERRY CONNORS!

I'VE SEEN YOU ABOUT TOWN, JERRY! I'M ALMA DENNING! BUT PLEASE DON'T FEEL OBLIGATED TO ME!



BUT I DO! SAY... WHAT ABOUT LUNCH? THAT IS...IF YOU HAVEN'T EATEN YET!

WELL...TO BE TRUTHFUL I WAS JUST GOING TO...

A-A DATE WITH JERRY CONNORS! ARE MY EARS, DECEIVING ME... THIS MUST BE A DREAM!



THEN THAT SETTLES IT, ALMA! I KNOW A GREAT PLACE NEARBY! HUNGRY?

FAMISHED, JERRY!



I CAN'T DESCRIBE THE THRILL I EXPERIENCED BEING WITH JERRY! SUDDENLY, I WAS NO LONGER A LONELY GIRL... BUT ONE ENVIED AND ADMIRER!

LUNCH FOR TWO, EDDIE... BY THE WINDOW IF POSSIBLE!

OF COURSE, MR. CONNORS!

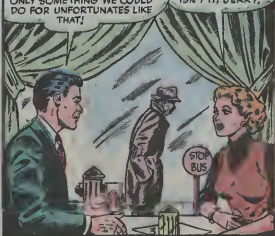
JUST LOOK AT ALL THE ATTENTION WE'RE ATTRACTING! I SUPPOSE PEOPLE THINK JERRY AND I ARE...ROMANTICALLY LINKED!



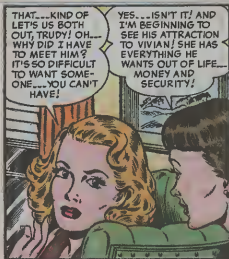
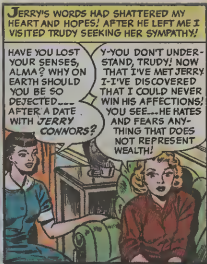
YES... IT WAS PLEASANT BEING ACCOMPANIED BY A HANDSOME MAN LIKE JERRY! BUT HIS LOOKS WEREN'T HIS ONLY ASSET... HE WAS KIND AND SYMPATHETIC!

POOR FELLOW...IF THERE WAS ONLY SOMETHING WE COULD DO FOR UNFORTUNATES LIKE THAT!

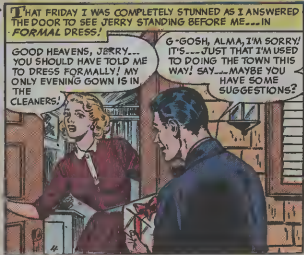
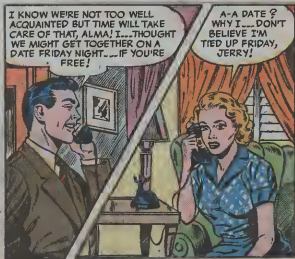
YES, IT IS A SHAME, ISN'T IT, JERRY!



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THINKING THAT JERRY WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN RICH PEOPLE I WAS HARDLY PREPARED FOR HIS PHONE CALL THE FOLLOWING DAY!

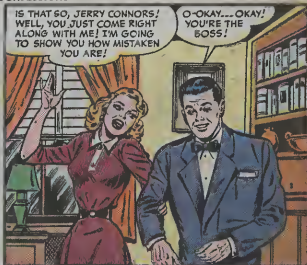


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THEY'RE HAVING A BAND CONCERT IN THE PARK TONIGHT...AND I JUST LOVE MUSIC, JERRY... WHY ARE YOU FROWNING?

A BAND CONCERT! BUT...THERE'S NOTHING EXCITING ABOUT THAT!



IS THAT SO, JERRY CONNORS! WELL, YOU JUST COME RIGHT ALONG WITH ME! I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU HOW MISTAKEN YOU ARE!

O-O-KAY... O-KAY! YOU'RE THE BOSS!



JERRY'S FROWN TURNED TO SMILES AT THE CONCERT! IT WAS OBVIOUS HE WAS ENJOYING EVERY MOMENT OF IT!

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS... ♪

HA, HAH! THIS IS MORE FUN THEN A BARREL OF MONKEYS!

YES...AND IT DOESN'T COST A DIME, JERRY!



THAT'S RIGHT! BUT YOU CAN'T GO TO A BAND CONCERT EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR! THIS IS ABOUT THE ONLY FREE ENTERTAINMENT YOU CAN GET AROUND HERE!

YOU'RE WRONG AGAIN, JERRY! I'LL PROVE IT... IF I HAVE THE CHANCE!

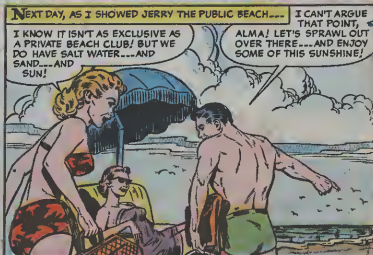


I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU THAT OPPORTUNITY, ALMA! THAT IS... IF YOU ARE REALLY SINCERE!

OF COURSE I AM, JERRY! THERE IS NO PRICE TAG ON FUN! I'LL SHOW YOU... WAIT AND SEE!



JERRY IS NO PLAYBOY AT HEART! IT'S JUST THAT MONEY AND GOOD TIMES HAVE BECOME AN OBSESSION WITH HIM! I WONDER...COULD HE BE SAVED? I'M SURE IT IS WORTH A TRY!



NEXT DAY, AS I SHOWED JERRY THE PUBLIC BEACH... I KNOW IT ISN'T AS EXCLUSIVE AS A PRIVATE BEACH CLUB! BUT WE DO HAVE SALT WATER...AND SAND...AND SUN!

I CAN'T ARGUE THAT POINT,

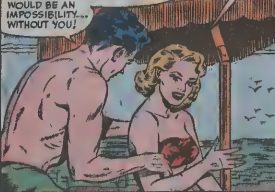
ALMA! LET'S SPRAWL OUT OVER THERE...AND ENJOY SOME OF THIS SUNSHINE!

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AS WE RESTED THERE ON THE BEACH JERRY SUDDENLY TOOK ME BY THE SHOULDERS AND...

I NEVER THOUGHT I WAS ONE WHO COULD ENJOY THE SIMPLE THINGS OF LIFE, ALMA! IN FACT, I THINK IT WOULD BE AN IMPOSSIBILITY... WITHOUT YOU!

JERRY...WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?



I...DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU WITH WORDS, DARLING!

O-OH, JERRY...



IT WAS MY DREAM COME TRUE... BUT A FRIGHTENING THOUGHT PIERCED MY MIND AS OUR LIPS TOUCHED... WHAT OF VIVIAN TAYLOR?

WHAT'S WRONG, ALMA? DIDN'T YOU...WANT ME TO DO THAT?

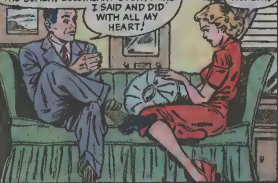
I...THINK WE HAD BETTER BE LEAVING, JERRY! WE'LL HAVE TIME TO EAT BEFORE WE WATCH TV AT MY HOME!



THERE WAS AN UNEASY SILENCE BETWEEN JERRY AND ME AS WE WATCHED TV THAT EVENING! FINALLY, HE BROKE THE SPELL!

ALMA... PERHAPS YOU MISUNDERSTOOD MY ACTIONS THIS AFTERNOON AT THE BEACH! I...MEANT EVERYTHING I SAID AND DID WITH ALL MY HEART!

YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING, JERRY! VIVIAN AND HER WEALTH!



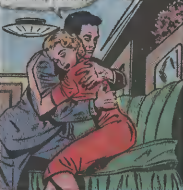
BUT YOU'VE PROVEN TO ME THAT MONEY ISN'T EVERYTHING, ALMA! DON'T YOU SEE, VIVIAN HAD AN OPPOSITE EFFECT ON ME! I FELT LIKE A FOOL WORKING FOR PEANUTS... WHEN SHE TOSSED MONEY AWAY!

THEN...HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU'LL CHANGE, JERRY?



I'LL WORK LIKE A SLAVE ALL DAY DOWN AT THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT YOU AS MY WIFE, HONEY!

JERRY...DO YOU REALLY MEAN THAT? H-HONESTLY!



HONESTLY, DARLING! AND WHEN I'VE PROVEN MYSELF IN YOUR EYES... WILL YOU MARRY ME?

OH, DEAREST...I HOPED WITH ALL MY HEART YOU WOULD ASK ME! BUT A FUTURE WITH YOU SEEMED SO REMOTE...UP TILL NOW! OF COURSE I'LL MARRY YOU!



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YES, MY HAPPINESS WAS COMPLETE...UNTIL ONE AFTERNOON I READ A FAMILIAR NAME IN THE PAPER!

VIVIAN...THAT GIRL'S COME BACK!

VIVIAN TAYLOR RETURNS HOME AFTER TRIP TO NEW YORK

JERRY MUST KNOW OF IT! W-WHAT WILL HE THINK...HOW WILL HE REACT TO HER NOW? NO, NO! I MUSTN'T FEAR HER...JERRY'S MINE NOW, HE'S TOO STRONG TO BE INFLUENCED BY HER WEALTH! AGAIN! I...MUST HAVE FAITH IN HIM!

STILL, IN SPITE OF MY CONFIDENCE IN JERRY, VIVIAN'S RETURN HUNG OVER MY HEAD LIKE A DARK CLOUD! LATER...

HOW ARE THINGS COMING ALONG AT THE STORE, JERRY? I HOPE YOU DON'T FEEL THE FOOL YOU ONCE THOUGHT A MAN WAS TO WORK HARD FOR A LIVING!

I'M...GETTING THE HANG OF IT, ALMA! WITH YOU AS AN INCENTIVE I'M BOUND TO WIN OUT!

JERRY, DARH-LING! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER TOWN FOR YOU! YOU HAVEN'T EVEN WELCOMED ME HOME!

VIVIAN!

I'VE HAD TONS OF FUN IN THE CITY, JERRY... BUT IT IS NICE TO BE HOME!

YOU'RE LOOKING SWELL, VIVIAN!

T-THERE'S NO DENYING IT... THEY ARE ATTRACTED TO EACH OTHER!

EXCUSE ME... THIS IS ALMA... VIVIAN!

HEL-LO, ALMA! IT'S TERRIBLY NICE TO KNOW YOU!

HOW DO YOU DO!

WILLDER ELECT

WHEN VIVIAN LEFT...

HA, HA! SHE HASN'T CHANGED A BIT! STILL FULL OF PEP AND VINEGAR! OF COURSE, SHE'S NOT THE TYPE OF GIRL A FELLOW COULD TAKE SERIOUSLY!

I DON'T KNOW... JERRY SEEMED TO FIND VIVIAN AWFULLY INTERESTING.

BAKERY

CAKES

DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS MY FEARS GREW STRONGER! JERRY HAD BROKEN TWO DATES IN A ROW WITH ME BECAUSE OF "OVERTIME WORK" AND...

I WON'T SIT HOME HERE ANOTHER MINUTE AND WORRY ABOUT JERRY'S LOVE FOR ME! I'LL GO TO HIS OFFICE AND HAVE THIS MATTER SETTLED ONCE AND FOR ALL... TONIGHT!



BUT AS I ARRIVED AT JERRY'S OFFICE...

I-I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, VIVIAN... OKAY, I'M ALL SET! LET'S GET OVER TO THE SOUTH STREET CHURCH! THE SOONER THAT WEDDING REHEARSAL IS OVER THE BETTER!

OH, JERRY, BABY, HURRY UP... EVERYBODY'S WAITING FOR US! AND STOP WORRYING ABOUT LITTLE ALMA... SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT!



JUST LIKE OLD TIMES, JERRY... YOU'RE A PRINCE!

THINGS COULDN'T HAVE WORKED OUT BETTER... I'M HAPPY AS A KID!

SOBS! SOBS! I-IVE LOST... SHE WAS... TOO STRONG FOR ME TO BEAT! BUT HOW CAN HE DECEIVE ME THIS WAY? I NEVER WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN!

THAT NIGHT, AS I PACKED MY BAGS TO LEAVE EDGE-MONT AND MY BROKEN ROMANCE BEHIND, JERRY HAD THE NERVE TO PHONE! I QUICKLY TOLD HIM OFF...

SO SWEET OF YOU TO CALL, JERRY! IT GIVES ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY GOODBYE! I HAP-PEN-ED TO VISIT YOUR OFFICE TONIGHT SO NO EXPLANATIONS ARE NECESSARY! GOOD-BYE, JERRY... AND GOOD LUCK WITH VIVIAN!

B-BUT, ALMA...



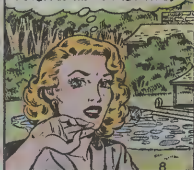
LATER...

A-A MONTH IN THE MOUNTAINS SHOULD HELP ME FORGET WHAT JERRY'S DONE TO ME! I'LL...STAY HERE UNTIL I'M STRONG ENOUGH TO RETURN TO EDGE-MONT WITHOUT WANTING HIS LOVE!

THE NEXT MORNING!

WHY, THAT'S AN EDGE-MONT PAPER... O-OH! SO THEY'RE TO BE MARRIED MONDAY!

T-THE SOUTH STREET CHURCH, JERRY SAID THAT NIGHT! WHY... WHY SHOULDN'T I GO? P-PERHAPS I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN HIM YET... BUT WATCHING HIM MARRY VIVIAN SHOULD SNAP ME OUT OF ANY LOVE I HAVE LEFT! YES, IT'S TIME I STOPPED HIDING FROM FATE!



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THAT MONDAY...

T-THERE'S JERRY NOW... VIVIAN MUST BE INSIDE ALREADY! HE...MAKES A HANDSOME GROOM!



SUDDENLY, ALTHOUGH I TRIED TO SHIELD MY FACE JERRY SAW ME AND...

WHA...? ALMA!

OH-H-H! HE...SAW ME! DON'T JERRY! PLEASE, GO BACK!



JERRY, JERRY...YOU MUST BE MAD! HAVEN'T WE HAD ENOUGH TROUBLE? G-GO BACK BEFORE YOU MAKE A SCENE AND SET THE GOSSIPS TALKING! THINK OF VIVIAN... YOUR FIANCEE! IT'S HER WEDDING DAY!

GREAT HANNAH! SO THAT'S IT! OH, YOU CRAZY KID... I'M NOT MARRYING VIVIAN! I'M THE BEST MAN!



B-BUT THAT NIGHT IN YOUR OFFICE, I HEARD EVERY THING... YOU WERE PLANNING THE WEDDING REHEARSAL...

YES, ALMA, BUT I WAS ONLY REHEARSING FOR THE BEST MAN PART! VIVIAN IS MARRYING A FELLOW SHE MET WHILE SHE WAS AWAY! HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYONE AROUND TO ASK TO BE HIS BEST MAN SO VIVIAN ASKED ME TO DO THAT FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE!



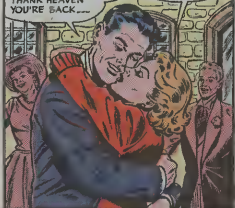
... I WAS A FOOL NOT TO TELL YOU AT ONCE, BUT KNOWING HOW YOU FELT ABOUT VIVIAN I WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL THE ACTUAL DAY OF THE WEDDING! I... WAS AFRAID YOU'D RAISE A FUSS ABOUT IT OR EVEN DISBELIEVE THAT WAS WHY I WAS SEEING HER!



BUT, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? I SCoured THE TOWN FOR YOU, ALMA! THANK HEAVEN YOU'RE BACK...

JERRY, DARLING... I WAS SUCH A FOOL!

YES, JERRY WAS REALLY MINE AT LAST! AND LATER, WE STOOD ARM IN ARM AS VIVIAN DROVE OFF WITH HER HUSBAND!



EVERYTHING'S TURNED OUT FINE! VIVIAN'S GOT THE KIND OF MAN THAT'S RIGHT FOR HER... AND I'VE FOUND THE GIRL THAT'S RIGHT FOR ME!

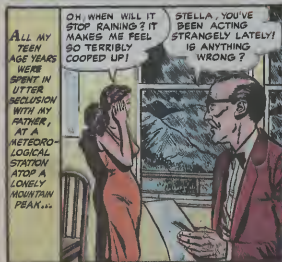
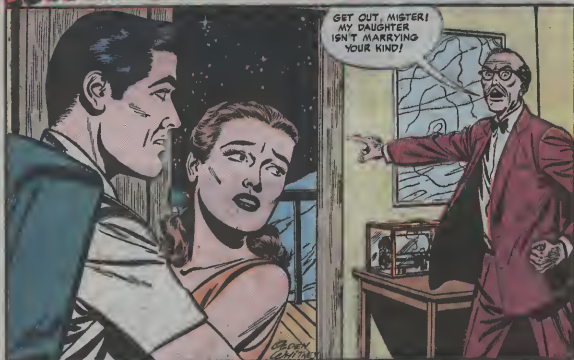
YES, JERRY...AND I KNOW SOON I'LL BE LEAVING A CHURCH WITH THE SMILE OF A HAPPY BRIDE ON MY FACE... AS VIVIAN IS NOW!

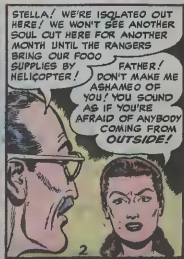
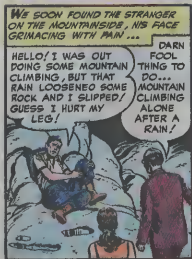
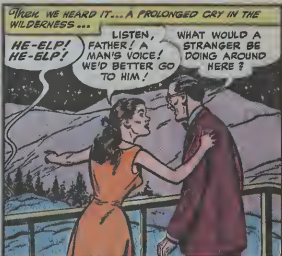
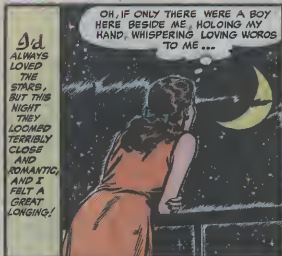
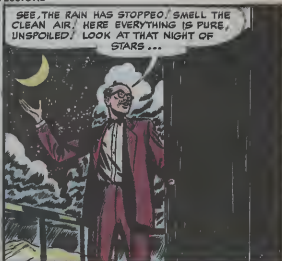
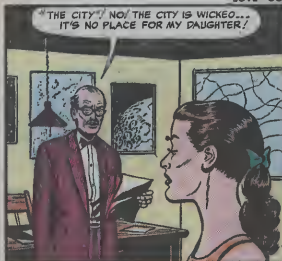


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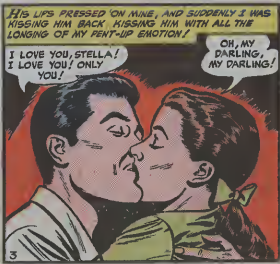
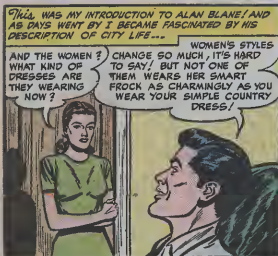
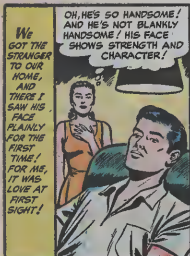
MY FATHER HATED THE CITY WITH A STRANGE, UNNATURAL HATE... SO THE WOODS BECAME MY HOME! HERE WE LIVED IN EXILE, LIKE OUTCASTS! AS I GREW TO WOMANHOOD, I NEVER KNEW THE TOUCH OF A MAN'S KISS, THE SWEET WHISPER OF A LOVER'S WORDS! I WAS CUT OFF...

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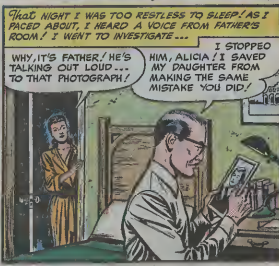
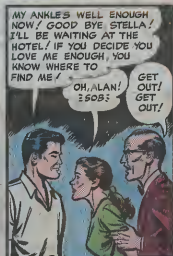
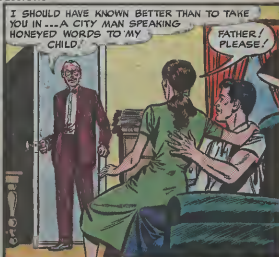
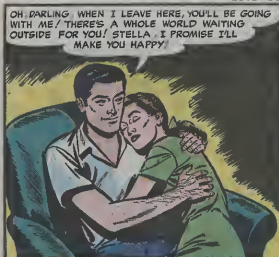




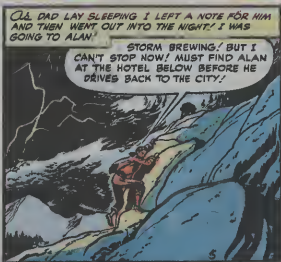
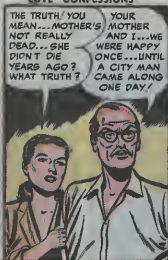
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THE STORM GREW WORSE, BUFFETING ME AGAINST THE ROCKS! AND ALL AT ONCE I FELT A SHARP BLOW... I FELL!

OHHHH!

Then IT SEEMED I WAS IN A DREAM, AND THAT ALAN WAS TOUCHING MY COLD FACE WITH HIS WARM LIPS! OH, HOW DECISIVE WAS THAT MOMENT!

STELLA... I LOVE YOU... STELLA... STELLA...

STELLA... THANK HEAVEN!

ALAN... IT IS YOU... YOU'RE REALLY HERE!

YOUR FATHER FOUND YOUR NOTE, SO HE PHONED ME AT THE HOTEL! WE COMBED THE MOUNTAINS TILL WE FOUND YOU AND BROUGHT YOU HERE!

YOU... AND FATHER?

YES, STELLA! I GUESS THIS YOUNG MAN DOES LOVE YOU, HE'S BEEN ACTING LIKE A CRAZY MAN TILL WE FOUND YOU! GUESS I WAS WRONG ABOUT HIM!

SHE'S YOURS NOW, YOUNG MAN! YOU BE GOOD TO HER, YOU HEAR?

I'D LIKE TO, BUT SHE HASN'T REALLY AGREED TO MARRY ME YET!

ALAN, YOU PUT YOUR FACE HERE AND I'LL TELL YOU!

HARRUMPH! GUESS I'D BETTER GO OUT AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE STARS!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

WHEN SOMEONE WHO HAS NEVER KNOWN AFFECTION BUILDS ALL HIS HOPES AND DREAMS AROUND YOU, HOW CAN YOU TELL HIM THAT HE'S NOT WANTED? INNOCENTLY, I TOYED WITH THE EXPLOSIVE EMOTIONS OF A MAN I COULD NEVER LOVE...AND THEN...

I Repented in Tears



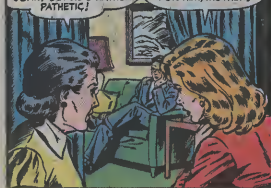
WHY ARE YOU
SPYING ON US?
WHY DON'T YOU
LEAVE US ALONE?

YOU CAN'T
MARRY HIM, JOAN!
DON'T YOU REMEMBER
ALL THE PROMISES
YOU MADE TO ME?

NEW IN GAGE CITY, I HADN'T MET ANY INTERESTING MEN AS YET! MAYBE THAT WAS WHY I TOLERATED JAY WATSON, THE STRANGE, LONELY BOY NEXT DOOR!

IS JAY HERE AGAIN? HE
SEEMS TO WORSHIP YOU,
JOAN! BUT HE'S RATHER
PATHETIC!

SORT OF A MISFIT! I
HONESTLY FEEL SORRY
FOR HIM, MOTHER!



HE RAMBLES ON AND ON...
TALKS ABOUT BUYING A
BEAUTIFUL HOUSE FOR
ME AND TREATING ME
LIKE A PRINCESS!

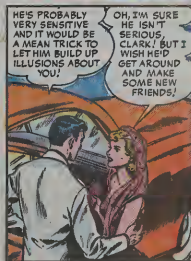
GOOD HEAVENS! YOU
CAN'T TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY,
BUT I GUESS YOU CAN'T
HELP BEING KIND TO THE
POOR CHAP!



LOVE CONFESSIONS



THAT WISH CAME TRUE WHEN I MET CLARK DABBY AT A DANCE A FEW DAYS LATER; CLARK AND I WERE ATTRACTED TO EACH OTHER RIGHT FROM THE START AND I WAS THRILLED WHEN HE ASKED TO TAKE ME OUT! WHEN CLARK CAME TO CALL FOR ME, JAY WAS IN THE LIVING ROOM AS USUAL!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

THAT EVENING WAS ALL I HAD HOPED IT WOULD BE!

I'M GLAD YOU ENJOYED THE PLAY TOO, JOAN! LOOKS LIKE WE LIKE THE SAME THINGS!

I LIKED YOUR SUGGESTION ABOUT STOPPING AT THE STAR-LIGHT ROOM TO DANCE! I'VE NEVER BEEN THERE!



I'VE BEEN HERE A LOT OF TIMES, JOAN, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT IT, TONIGHT! SOMETHING TELLS ME IT'S YOU!

CLARK HAS A WAY OF SAYING JUST THE RIGHT THING! I'VE DREAMED ABOUT MEETING A MAN LIKE THIS!



GOOD NIGHT, JOAN! THIS WON'T BE THE LAST TIME I HOPE WE'LL BE SEEING EACH OTHER SOON AND OFTEN.

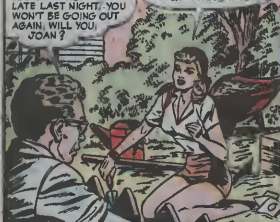
I HOPE SO, TOO, CLARK! IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL EVENING!



BUT THE NEXT DAY...

YOU CAME HOME VERY LATE LAST NIGHT. YOU WON'T BE GOING OUT AGAIN, WILL YOU, JOAN?

WHY... CERTAINLY I'LL BE GOING OUT AGAIN! WHAT A QUESTION, JAY!



I WAITED FOR YOU A LONG TIME! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE STAYED SO LATE!

YOU SHOULDN'T BE SPYING ON PEOPLE, JAY... IT'S MY OWN BUSINESS IF I COME HOME LATE!



I WAS SORRY LATER THAT I HAD SPOKEN SO CROSSLY! BUT IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS I WAS SO HAPPY WITH THE WAY MY ROMANCE WITH CLARK WAS DEVELOPING THAT I WAS ESPECIALLY KIND TO JAY, TREATING HIM LIKE A YOUNGER BROTHER! AND THEN ONE NIGHT...

SOMETIMES YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL A GIRL YOU LOVE HER, JOAN! YOU'VE SEEN IT IN MY EYES, HAVEN'T YOU?

TELL ME ANYWAY, CLARK! I WANT TO HEAR THE WORDS FROM YOUR LIPS!



I LOVE YOU, DARLING! MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD I WANT YOU TO BE MY WIFE!

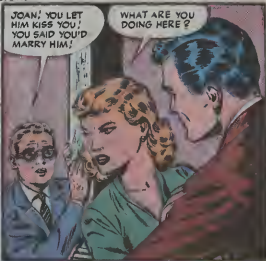
CLARK! OH, DEAREST! WHAT CAN I SAY BUT YES?



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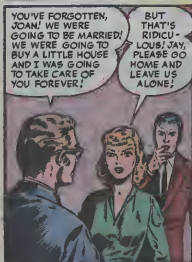


CLARK'S KISS WAS HEAVEN ON EARTH AND MY HEART SANG AT THE THOUGHT OF BEING WITH HIM FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE! BUT THAT MOMENT OF HAPPINESS WAS CLOUDED BY A MENACING SHADOW... A SHADOW THAT WAS TO COME BETWEEN US A MOMENT LATER!



JOAN! YOU LET HIM KISS YOU! YOU SAID YOU'D MARRY HIM!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?



YOU'VE FORGOTTEN, JOAN! WE WERE GOING TO BE MARRIED! WE WERE GOING TO BUY A LITTLE HOUSE AND I WAS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF YOU FOREVER!

BUT THAT'S RIDICULOUS! JAY, PLEASE GO HOME AND LEAVE US ALONE!



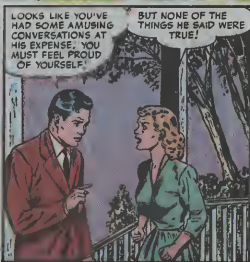
WE TALKED ABOUT IT ALL TIME... DON'T YOU REMEMBER? WE MADE SO MANY BEAUTIFUL PLANS!

THAT'S NOT SO, JAY! YOU KNOW I NEVER PROMISED TO MARRY YOU!



YOU DON'T CARE FOR ME ANY MORE! YOU FORGOT ALL ABOUT ME WHEN YOU MET HIM! WHY DID YOU DO THAT JOAN? WHY DIDN'T YOU REMEMBER ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS THAT WERE GOING TO HAPPEN?

JAY'S FACE WAS A TWISTED MASK OF PAIN AS HE RAN FROM US AND I WAS SPEECHLESS FROM THE SHOCK! BUT WORST OF ALL WAS CLARK'S REACTION! HE HADN'T SAID A WORD TO JAY, BUT NOW HE TURNED ON ME SAVAGELY...



LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE HAD SOME AMUSING CONVERSATIONS AT HIS EXPENSE. YOU MUST FEEL PROUD OF YOURSELF!

BUT NONE OF THE THINGS HE SAID WERE TRUE!



BELIEVE ME, CLARK, I NEVER ENCOURAGED SUCH INSANE IDEAS.

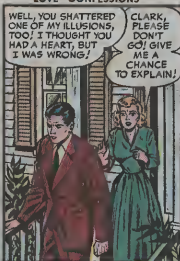
HE WOULDN'T HAVE IMAGINED ALL THAT! OH OF COURSE YOU DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING YOU SAID TO HIM. MAYBE THAT'S WHY YOU'VE FORGOTTEN.

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OR MAYBE IT FLATTERED YOUR VANITY TO PLAY ALONG WITH HIM! YOU LET HIM BUILD A DREAM AROUND YOU AND THEN YOU TOPPLED IT LIKE A STACK OF CARDS!

NO, CLARK!
NO!



WELL, YOU SHATTERED ONE OF MY ILLUSIONS, TOO! I THOUGHT YOU HAD A HEART, BUT I WAS WRONG!

CLARK, PLEASE DON'T GO! GIVE ME A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN!



EVERYTHING WAS SO PERFECT! SOBS! OH, CLARK, WHY DID HE HAVE TO SPOIL IT ALL? SOBS! WHY DIDN'T YOU BELIEVE ME?

SOMEHOW THE FRIGHTENING SCENE THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE SEEMED UNREAL! BUT THERE WAS NOTHING UNREAL ABOUT THE SOBS THAT RACKED MY BODY AS CLARK LEFT IN DISGUST! AND THERE WAS A TERRIBLE REALITY ABOUT MY LONELINESS IN THE EMPTY HEART-BREAKING DAYS THAT FOLLOWED!



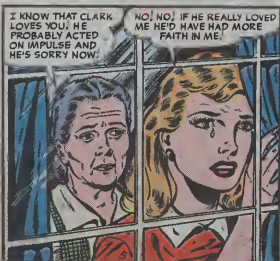
WHY DOESN'T CLARK CALL? SURELY HE CAN'T THINK THAT I HURT JAY DELIBERATELY!

WHY DON'T YOU FORGET ABOUT YOUR PRIDE AND CALL HIM DEAR?



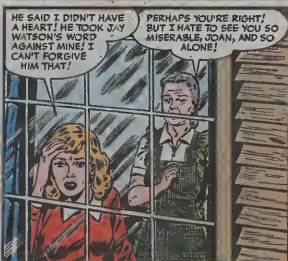
WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO? IF HE DIDN'T BELIEVE ME BEFORE, HE WON'T BELIEVE ME NOW!

THEN LET ME TELL HIM! YOU CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS, JOAN!



I KNOW THAT CLARK LOVES YOU. HE PROBABLY ACTED ON IMPULSE AND HE'S SORRY NOW.

NO! NO! IF HE REALLY LOVED ME HE'D HAVE HAD MORE FAITH IN ME!



HE SAID I DIDN'T HAVE A HEART! HE TOOK JAY WATSON'S WORD AGAINST MINE! I CAN'T FORGIVE HIM THAT!

PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT I HATE TO SEE YOU SO MISERABLE, JOAN, AND SO ALONE!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

YES, I FELT TERRIBLY ALONE AND FOR THE FIRST TIME I KNEW THE AGONY OF WANTING SOMEONE'S LOVE AND BEING REJECTED! MY BITTERNESS TOWARD JAY TURNED TO UNDERSTANDING... AND THEN TO SYMPATHY!

JAY MUST HAVE BEEN OUT OF HIS MIND TO SAY THE THINGS HE DID! BUT BEING UNWANTED CAN DRIVE A PERSON TO SAY AND DO STRANGE THINGS! BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN GO ON WITHOUT CLARK!



WHATEVER JAY DID, IT WAS BECAUSE HE LOVED ME! MAYBE I DIDN'T ENCOURAGE HIM, BUT IN HIS OWN TWISTED MIND I BELONGED TO HIM AND FAILED HIM!



AND ONE DAY...

JAY HASN'T BEEN HERE SINCE THE NIGHT I BROKE UP WITH CLARK! HE'S HARDLY BEEN OUT OF THE HOUSE!

HIS AUNT TELLS ME HE'S BEEN TERRIBLY DEPRESSED!



I KNOW HE'S HURT YOU, JOAN, BUT HE'S HURT HIMSELF, TOO! HE'S TO BE PITIED!



WHY DIDN'T I REALIZE THAT JAY ISN'T WELL? I SHOULD HAVE STOPPED HIM BEFORE THOSE MUDDLED DAY-DREAMS RAN AWAY WITH HIM!

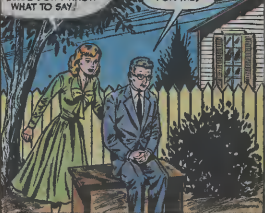
THAT EVENING!

JAY'S BEEN SITTING OUT THERE FOR HOURS! MAYBE IT WOULD HELP IF I TALKED TO HIM!



JAY... I'M TERRIBLY SORRY ABOUT OUR MISUNDERSTANDING! I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!

DO NOT FEEL SORRY FOR ME, JOAN! EVERYONE'S ALWAYS FELT SORRY FOR ME!



BUT NOBODY'S EVER LOVED ME! MY AUNT... I'M JUST A BURDEN TO HER! AND OTHER PEOPLE... TO THEM I'M JUST SOMEBODY TO STARE AT! THEY EITHER LAUGH OR FEEL SORRY FOR ME!

YOU COULD MAKE FRIENDS, JAY! EVERYONE CAN IF THEY CAN STOP BEING SELF-CONSCIOUS. YOU'RE A NICE PERSON, JAY. SO YOU CAN HAVE FRIENDS JUST LIKE OTHERS DO!

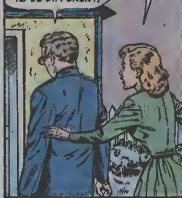


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NO! I CAN'T MAKE FRIENDS BECAUSE I DON'T FIT IN WITH PEOPLE! I SAY THE WRONG THINGS AND DO THE WRONG THINGS! I KNOW IT! NOBODY HAS TO TELL ME!



AND WHEN YOU WERE SO GOOD TO ME I THOUGHT... I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WAS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT!



OH, JAY! I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND!

IT WAS SO NICE TO THINK SOMEBODY WANTED ME! I MADE UP STORIES ABOUT YOU AND I GOT TO BELIEVING THEM MYSELF! AND NOW I'VE MADE YOU UNHAPPY!



PLEASE DON'T BLAME YOURSELF, JAY; WE WERE ALL AT FAULT!

JAY TALKED FOR A WHILE, HIS VOICE BREAKING AS HE REVEALED HIS FRUSTRATED DESIRE TO BE ACCEPTED AND LOVED! SUDDENLY HE ROSE AND WALKED INTO THE HOUSE, LEAVING ME WITH A LEADEN HEART! AND THE NEXT MORNING...

JAY'S GONE, HIS AUNT SAYS HE LEFT A NOTE SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT... GOING TO LOOK FOR THOSE FRIENDS YOU TALKED ABOUT!



I HOPE HE FINDS THEM, MOTHER! I'LL BE PRAYING FOR HIM!

AND THEN, AS IF IN ANSWER TO ANOTHER OF MY PRAYERS...

WHY DID YOU COME BACK, CLARK? WHAT MADE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?



I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ADMIT THAT I WAS WRONG, DARLING! BUT LATE LAST NIGHT, WHEN JAY CAME TO SEE ME, I KNEW HOW UNJUST I'D BEEN!

HE TOLD ME THE WHOLE STORY JOAN! AND HE SAID HE WANTED YOU TO BE HAPPY... ABOVE ALL THINGS!

AND HE KNEW I COULDN'T BE HAPPY WITHOUT YOU! OH, CLARK, HOLD ME CLOSE! I'VE NEEDED YOU SO!



JAY'S TAUGHT ME TO BE TWICE AS GRATEFUL FOR OUR LOVE, DEAR! WHEN YOU MEET SOMEONE AS LONELY AS HE IS, YOU REALIZE HOW PRECIOUS LOVE CAN BE!

I'VE LEARNED THAT, TOO, CLARK! NEVER LET ME FORGET!



CLARK AND I ARE MARRIED NOW! AND WE HAVE NEVER STOPPED HOPING THAT JAY, WHEREVER HE MAY BE, HAS FOUND THE HAPPINESS THAT IS OURS!

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I ALMOST LOST HIM

HOW much does popularity mean to you? I made the mistake of putting too much importance on it. In my crowd, anyone who didn't go steady was considered a washout, so when my high school heart-throb went overseas with the Army, I began casting about for another romance.

I missed Eddie. We'd had a lot of fun together, and he was certainly attractive, but with him away, I just wasn't in the social swim any more. So without letting him know I was no longer his one and only, I started dating Marty Wynn. Marty was easily the most popular young man in town, the life of every party and I was delighted when he first asked me out:

"Now that Eddie is courting those luscious French gals, Ethel, you'd better let him know he has a little competition over here. And I'm just the lad to give it to him," said Marty, after that first party invitation. We had lots of laughs at that party and at the many which followed. True, Marty wasn't the most attentive swain, and often I'd find myself sitting out a flock of dances while he whirled around the floor with a new girl. But, he always came back to my side. "I don't know what your fatal charm is, sweetie," he'd purr, "but none of these other gals have a chance with me when you're around."

At first I ate it up, all that chatter about my attractiveness was enough to turn any girl's head. But then there were times . . . well, like when Eddie's letters arrived, and they came pretty often. They were sweet, and pretty sentimental, maybe even a little corny, but I looked forward to them and was careful to answer promptly, never giving a hint that I wasn't waiting by the home fires for him to come back. Then, came the surprise. I guess I should have suspected it, but in my eagerness to get around

and be seen everywhere, I was concentrating on other things.

Eddie had the local jeweler send a diamond ring to my house. It was lovely and when Eddie's letter followed closely, telling me how much he loved me and sounding so sure of my love in return, I felt like pretty much of a heel. But, foolishly, the following Saturday night, there I was again, on the town with Marty and the crowd.

The real shock came when we arrived home late that night. Marty, was feeling quite gay and he hoisted me up in his arms as I got out of the car and carried me laughingly to the door. He was kissing me goodnight when the door opened slowly. It was Eddie. Marty and I were both stunned and he left immediately. What could I say to Eddie? In my search for popularity, I'd put aside the most important thing in the world . . . true love. This knowledge swept over me in a moment as I stood looking at him helplessly. He wouldn't let me talk. "Don't say anything," he said quietly, "I'll come over for a talk tomorrow." I knew Eddie well enough to realize that he was furious and was controlling his anger through great effort.

By rights, this should be the end of my story, any other man would have walked out forever, then and there. But not Eddie, not the wonderful, understanding man I'm about to marry. He told me he had always known about my craving for the approval of others and that he had also known from some of my so-called friends, that I was going with Marty. "But from now on, darling, all you have to do is worry about your popularity with me," he said, as he drew me into his arms tenderly, "and believe me, you're mighty popular." And I believe him!

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THE CHEERLESS HOUSE I SHARED WITH MY DOMINEERING UNCLE AND AUNT COULD HARDLY BE CALLED A HOME! HOW I LONGED FOR AFFECTION, HOW DESPERATELY I NEEDED SOMEONE'S LOVE! BUT I LEARNED A BITTER LESSON WHEN I WAS FORCED TO LEAVE THAT HOUSE BECAUSE OF---

My Forbidden Dates



MY AUNT AND UNCLE WERE FURIOUS WHEN I TOLD THEM I HAD MADE A DATE WITH SERGEANT RALPH WADE!

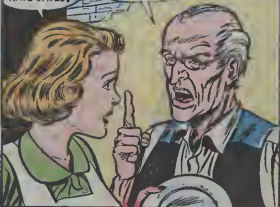
I KNEW WE'D START HAVING TROUBLE WHEN THE ARMY RE-OPENED CAMP CROWLEY! NOW GRACE IS RUNNING AROUND WITH A SOLDIER!

I CAN SEE NOTHING WRONG IN THAT! RALPH IS A WONDERFUL PERSON!



WHAT'S SO TERRIBLE ABOUT GOING TO A MOVIE WITH HIM? I'M OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE DATES!

WE'LL DECIDE THAT! MEANWHILE, WE DON'T WANT YOU DISGRACING US, YOUNG LADY! NOT AS LONG AS YOU WANT TO STAY IN THIS HOUSE!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

I'LL HEAR NO MORE ABOUT YOUR DATING SOLDIERS!

WHY MUST THEY DICTATE EVERY MOVE I MAKE? THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO RUN MY LIFE...NO RIGHT TO STOP ME FROM SEEING RALPH!



RALPH WON'T FORGIVE ME IF I DON'T KEEP OUR DATE TONIGHT! IF I WAITED UNTIL AFTER THEY'RE ASLEEP, THEY'D NEVER KNOW I WENT OUT!



AND SO, LATER THAT NIGHT...

RALPH SAID HE'D WAIT AT CAREY'S MALT SHOP UNTIL I GOT THERE! I JUST HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE!



THAT EVENING WITH RALPH SEEMED WORTH THE CHANCE I HAD TAKEN IN SNEAKING OUT OF THE HOUSE! I HADN'T KNOWN RALPH LONG, BUT I GREW FINDER OF HIM WITH EVERY MEETING, AND THAT NIGHT HE ANSWERED MY LONG-STIFLED HUNGER FOR LOVE!

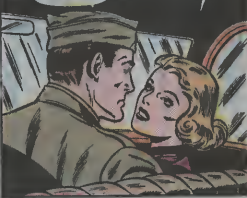
THAT AUNT AND UNCLE OF YOURS MUST BE ROUGH TO LIVE WITH! I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER SHOW UP TONIGHT, GRACE!



WOULD YOU HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED, RALPH?

I COUNTED THE HOURS SINCE THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU! YOU KNOW WHAT THAT SOUNDS LIKE TO ME? I'M IN LOVE, DARLING!

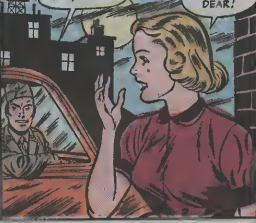
OH, RALPH... RALPH, IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!



RALPH'S KISS WAS THE ANSWER TO PRAYERS I HAD WHISPERED SO MANY NIGHTS IN THE COLD LONELINESS OF THAT PLACE I CALLED HOME! I WAS LOVED! I HAD SOMEONE I COULD CALL MY OWN! MY HEART SANG AS I LEFT RALPH THAT NIGHT!

I CAN'T CALL YOU, BUT I'LL BE STAYING AT MY SISTER'S OVER THE WEEKEND! PHONE ME THERE IF YOU CAN GET AWAY, HONEY!

I'LL TRY, RALPH! AND... GOOD NIGHT, DEAR!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

NO ONE'S EVEN MISSED ME... THE LIGHTS ARE ALL OUT! I'M SO GLAD I TOOK THE CHANCE! RALPH'S MADE ME HAPPIER THAN I EVER HOPED TO BE!



YES, IT HAD BEEN A GLORIOUS EVENING AND I LOOKED FORWARD TO RECAPTURING THOSE THRILLING MOMENTS IN MY DREAMS! BUT AS I STEPPED INTO THE HOUSE THE CLICK OF A SWITCH AND GLARING LIGHT FROZE ME TO THE SPOT! MY AUNT AND UNCLE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR ME IN THE DARK!

OHH! SURPRISED, AREN'T YOU? THOUGHT YOUR SNEAKY LITTLE TRICK HAD US FOOLED!



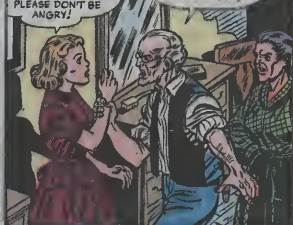
WELL, DON'T MAKE YOURSELF TOO COMFORTABLE, YOUNG LADY! WE'VE NO ROOM IN THIS HOUSE FOR GUTTER-SNIPES!

WE WARNED YOU! DON'T SAY WE DIDN'T! AND THIS IS THE GRATITUDE WE GET AFTER ALL WE'VE DONE FOR YOU,



BUT I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG! PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY!

PACK YOUR CLOTHES AND GET OUT!



YOU KNOW THERE'S NO PLACE FOR ME TO GO! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME!

YOU HEARD ME! GET OUT! WE NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!



IT WAS NEARLY TWO IN THE MORNING WHEN, HEARTSICK AND CONFUSED, I LEFT THE HOUSE I HAD HATED!

WHERE CAN I GO? WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? MAYBE RALPH COULD HELP ME IF I COULD REACH HIM BUT I COULDN'T CALL HIM AT THE CAMP... NOT AT THIS HOUR!



I REMEMBER NOW! HE'S NOT AT CAMP... HE'S SPENDING THE WEEK END AT HIS SISTER'S PLACE! I HATE TO CALL HIM THERE, BUT I CAN'T TURN TO ANYONE ELSE!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

I FOUND A PUBLIC PHONE BOOTH AND DIALED THE NUMBER RALPH HAD GIVEN ME; IN LESS THAN AN HOUR---

I HATED TO GET YOU OUT AT THIS HOUR, RALPH! BUT I'M SCARED TO DEATH! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

YOU CALLED YOUR BEST FRIEND, HONEY! THAT WAS THE LOGICAL MOVE!

COME ON! I'M TAKING YOU TO JANE AND HARVEY'S PLACE! THEY HAVE A SPARE ROOM AND YOU'LL BE MORE THAN WELCOME!

BUT YOUR SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN ME BEFORE!

WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO THINK WHEN I COME IN WITH YOU AT AN HOUR LIKE THIS?

JANE'S TOO CRAZY ABOUT HER LITTLE BROTHER TO QUESTION ANYTHING HE DOES! BESIDES, SHE'LL HOVER OVER YOU LIKE A MOTHER HEN!

IT WAS LIKE A STRANGE NIGHTMARE, WALKING INTO THAT STRANGE APARTMENT AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING! JANE AND HARVEY WILSON, AROUSED FROM SLEEP, MADE A GALLANT PRETENSE OF WELCOMING ME, BUT I SENSED THEIR DISAPPROVAL AND I FELT SHAMEFUL AND UNEASY!

SEE, I TOLD YOU YOU'D BE WELCOME, GRACE! MY FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE, RIGHT SIS?

OF...OF COURSE, RALPH! I HOPE GRACE WILL FIND THE SPARE ROOM COMFORTABLE!

I...I FEEL TERRIBLE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR HOSPITALITY THIS WAY, REALLY. I'LL...LEAVE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!

JANE UNDERSTANDS... YOU'VE HAD A BAD BREAK! YOU CAN STAY UNTIL YOU'VE STRAIGHTENED THINGS OUT WITH YOUR FAMILY!

THERE'S NOT MUCH CHANCE OF THAT! I'LL HAVE TO FIND A JOB AND...FIND A PLACE OF MY OWN!

ANYTHING YOU SAY, DEAR! TRY TO GET SOME REST!

JANE TRIED TO BE PLEASANT, BUT I KNOW WHAT SHE MUST BE THINKING! SOB! I DON'T BELONG HERE! I DON'T BELONG ANYWHERE!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

RALPH DID HIS BEST TO MAKE ME FEEL AT EASE OVER THAT WEEKEND, BUT ON MONDAY, WHEN HE LEFT FOR CAMP...

I'LL TRY HARD TO FIND A JOB TODAY, JANE! IT'S NOT FAIR TO EXPECT YOU TO KEEP ME! IT'S MY PROBLEM, NOT YOURS!

THERE'S NO HURRY, GRACE! TAKE YOUR TIME!



AND ALL THROUGH THAT WEEK...

THANK YOU!

CHECK BACK WITH US IN A FEW WEEKS, MISS FORBES! WE HAVE NO OPENINGS RIGHT NOW!

I'VE GOT TO FIND A JOB... I'VE JUST GOT TO!



JUST 'CAUSE YOU'RE WILLING TO WORK... DON'T MAKE YOU A WAITRESS, SEE? YOU NEED EXPERIENCE, GIRLIE!

I'M SORRY! I THOUGHT YOU'D GIVE ME A CHANCE TO LEARN!



I CAN'T STAND ANOTHER EVENING WITH THE WILSONS! THEY'RE SO POLITE, BUT I'M A STRANGER TO THEM... SOMEBODY THEY'VE GOT TO TOLERATE!



WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE A HOUSE GUEST, RALPH! GRACE HAS BEEN A LOT OF HELP TO ME, TOO!

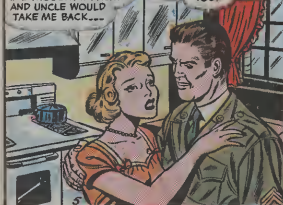
SHE'S PUTTING ON AN ACT FOR RALPH'S BENEFIT! OH, WHY DID I COME HERE? WHY ISN'T THERE SOMEPLACE I CAN CALL HOME?



AND LATER...

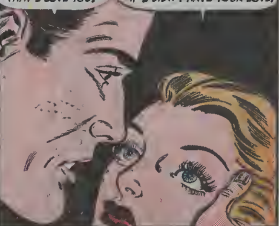
I CAN'T STAY HERE, RALPH! I'M IN THE WAY! IF I THOUGHT MY AUNT AND UNCLE WOULD TAKE ME BACK...

THAT'S OUT, HONEY! YOU'RE MY GIRL! I WANT YOU TO STAY HERE UNTIL... I CAN MAKE BETTER PLANS FOR YOU!



BE PATIENT, SWEET! KEEP REMEMBERING THAT I LOVE YOU!

THAT'S ALL THAT KEEPS ME GOING, RALPH! I'D BE LOST IF I DIDN'T HAVE YOUR LOVE!



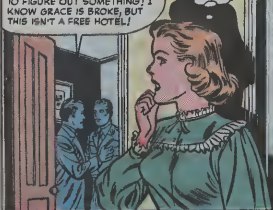
BUT LATE THAT NIGHT...

RALPH, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT SOMETHING! I KNOW GRACE IS BROKE, BUT THIS ISN'T A FREE HOTEL!

THEY...THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT ME!

THE NEIGHBORS ARE STARTING TO ASK QUESTIONS AND JANE'S GETTING ANNOYED!

WHAT ELSE COULD I DO, HARVEY? I FELT SORRY FOR THE KID! BUT SHE WON'T BE HERE LONG...LEAVE IT TO ME!



STUNNED, I RAN TO MY ROOM, UNABLE TO BEAR ANY MORE! RALPH'S ONLY FEELING FOR ME WAS SYMPATHY! IMPULSIVELY, HE HAD GOTTEN HIMSELF INTO AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION AND NOW HE WAS SORRY! MY HEART ACHED AS ONCE MORE I RAN AWAY FROM A HOME WHERE THERE WAS NO LOVE FOR ME!

MY NOTE WILL LET JANE AND HARVEY KNOW THAT SOMEDAY I'LL PAY THEM BACK! AND AND AT LEAST RALPH WILL KNOW THAT I'LL ALWAYS LOVE HIM!



AND HOURS LATER, EXHAUSTED AND DISCOURAGED...

RALPH AND I USED TO COME HERE TOGETHER! I GUESS THERE'S NO PLACE LEFT TO GO!

GRACE! I'VE BEEN HALF OUT OF MY MIND! I TRIED THIS AS A LAST RESORT!



AND SUDDENLY I WAS IN RALPH'S ARMS SOBBING OUT WHY I HAD RUN AWAY.

RALPH! WHY DID YOU LOOK FOR ME? I...I DON'T WANT ANY MORE OF YOUR SYMPATHY!

SURE I SAID I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU, HONEY! I DO! BUT I LOVE YOU, TOO, EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE SPOILED MY SURPRISE!



I'VE LINED UP A LITTLE APARTMENT THAT A SERGEANT AND HIS WIFE COULD AFFORD! THAT'S WHAT I MEANT WHEN I TOLD HARVEY YOU WOULDN'T BE AROUND MUCH LONGER!

RALPH! YOU MEAN...A HOME OF MY OWN? WITH YOU IN IT?



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I CAN'T WAIT, RALPH! IT'LL BE THE HAPPIEST MOMENT OF MY LIFE!

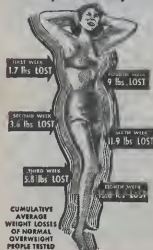


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